



**Mission Statement for the Graduate School of the University of Charleston,  
South Carolina at the College of Charleston  
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The mission of the Graduate School of the University of Charleston, South Carolina is to promote excellence in graduate education at the College of Charleston by connecting the campus to Lowcountry as well as worldwide communities through certificate, master's, and select doctoral programs that address critical economic, social, and environmental issues. Our programs provide opportunities for students to engage in innovative and collaborative research with other students and with academic and professional specialists in the region. Our location in a historic, port city offers students unique opportunities. Programs offer specialized knowledge and training sought by professionals living and working in the region. Graduate programs provide a quality driven, student-oriented education in an atmosphere that encourages student, faculty, and staff diversity, inclusiveness, and equity.

The Graduate School in concert with the Graduate Council, the Faculty Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education and Special Programs, and other faculty committees provides leadership and direction for graduate programs, assesses and reviews graduate programs and policies, oversees the development of new courses and curricula, and establishes and maintains admission and academic standards. The Graduate School liaises with School deans, the Office of Academic Affairs, other College of Charleston divisions, other academic institutions and organizations, and the wider community on diverse issues of graduate education.